

CON 235

Advanced Contract Pricing

From price-based acquisition to the traditional cost-based environment, this course is designed for buyers, price analysts, and contracting officers tasked with obtaining fair and reasonable prices. CON 235 addresses market forces, the market research process, commerciality issues, and cost/price analysis techniques, such as interviewing experts, analogy, decision theory, earned value statistics, parametrics, learning curves, and risk analysis.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- use inferential statistics and hypotheses testing;
- analyze the relationship between two or more variables, describe that relationship using regression analysis, and defend the appropriateness of the model;
- perform cost-risk analysis to support prenegotiation objectives;
- integrate quantitative techniques in a cost/price estimate;
- conduct market research on a given procurement item; and
- conduct a price analysis of a commercial item as broadly defined by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) criteria.

Who Should Attend: This assignment-specific course is for any Level II/III personnel desiring advancement in major acquisitions (systems, sustainment, or services), particularly in a price-based acquisition environment.

Prerequisite: CON 204

Recommended: Level II Contracting certification

Length: 10 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident/Local

PDS Code: PAQ



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Contractual Aspects of Value Engineering

This course provides an intensive review of the techniques and objectives of the DoD Value Engineering (VE) program. Students are exposed to basic VE concepts and definitions and the relationship of VE to other incentives contained in the contract and subcontracts.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- apply the appropriate VE clause by differentiating among the types of VE programs;
- validate, by assessment, VE Change Proposals (VECPs);
- calculate savings resulting from accepted VECPs; and
- modify the contract after formal processing and acceptance of the VECP.

Who Should Attend: This assignment-specific course is for contracting, program management, and functional personnel who may be involved in VE applications or who support major weapons systems and can be expected to encounter specific VE activity. Although the course is targeted for contracting personnel, individuals not assigned to contracting are encouraged to attend.

Prerequisite: None

Recommended: Level II certification in Contracting or a field of expertise is desirable before attending this course. A working knowledge of contracting, program management, or a functional area of expertise, with 2 years of experience, is a satisfactory substitute.

Length: 5 class days

Method of Delivery: Resident

PDS Code: PAR

